

# *Johnson Space Center Overview*



# Johnson Space Center is more than Mission Control

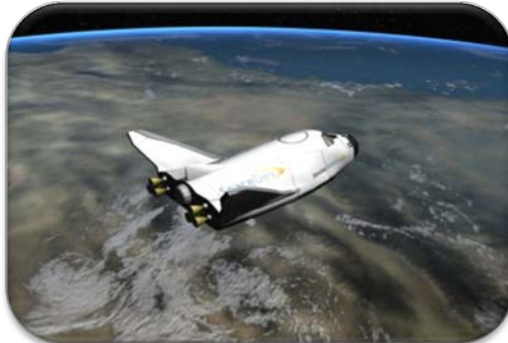
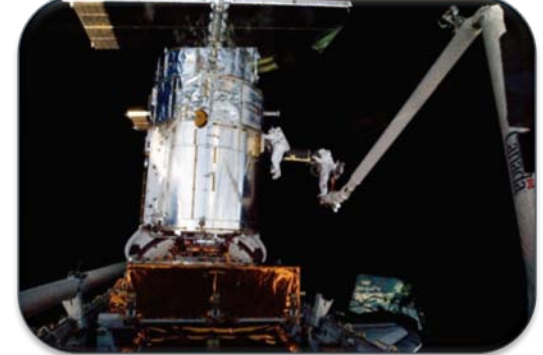


**Main Site: Houston, TX**  
**Civil Servants ~3300**  
**On/near site ~13,000**

**Additional Facilities:**  
**White Sands, NM**  
**Neutral Buoyancy Lab**  
**Ellington Field, TX**



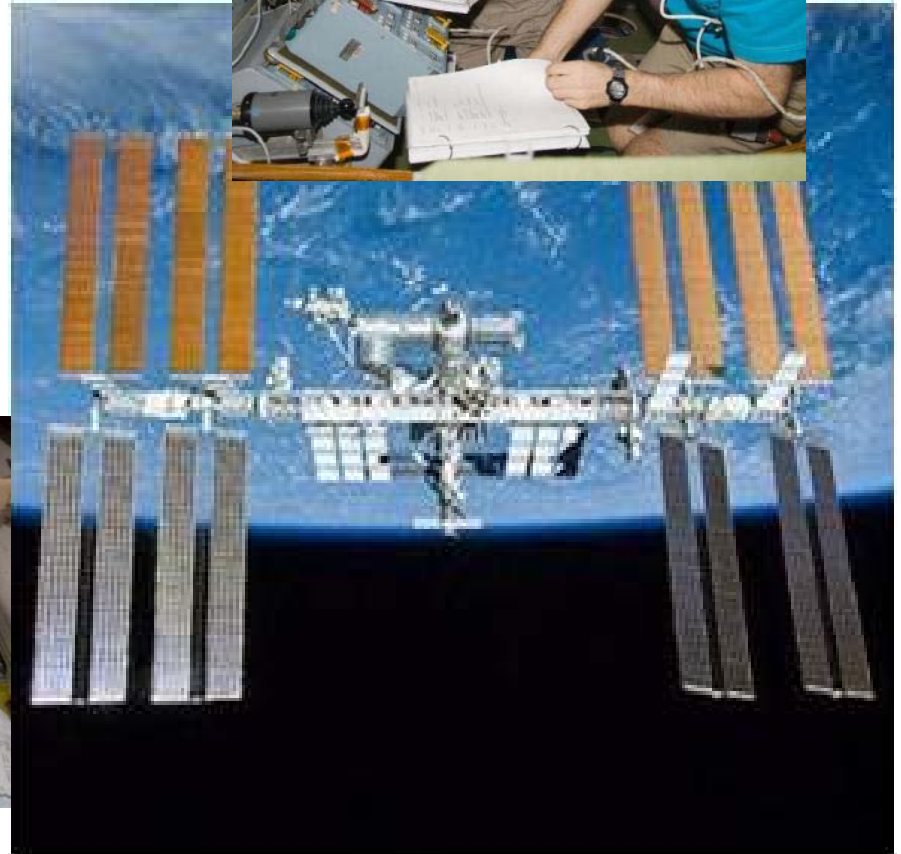
***We Achieve the  
Impossible with  
Bold Explorers and  
Incredible  
Machines!***



# International Space Station: Challenges met every day



- Remote hazardous environment
- Complex systems engineering and integration
- Continuous operations with six member crew
- Focus on sustainability with limited resupply

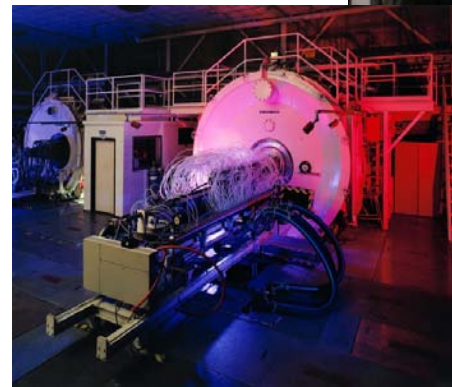
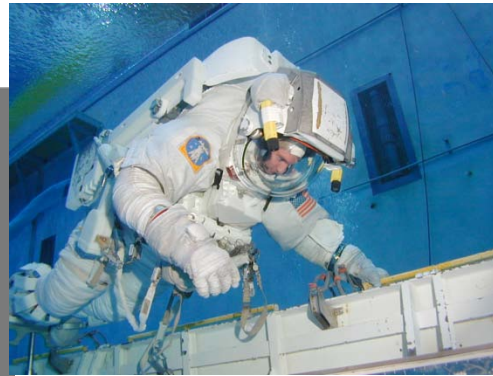




# NASA Johnson Space Center Space Flight Services



- Integrated Human Space Vehicle Systems
- Life Support Systems & Environmental Control
- Flight Design
- Integrated Environments Testing and Analysis
- Mission Operations



# Program Partnerships



We engage our Program partners by providing



**Technical Expertise**



**Analysis & Test Support**



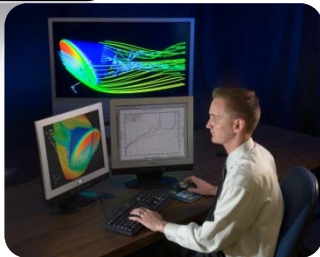
**High Fidelity Simulation  
& Modeling**



**In-house Development**



**Technology Maturation**



The outcome we strive to achieve is that partners embrace us as an integral partner who fulfills our commitments and proactively brings credible solutions forward while maintaining a work environment that emphasizes continual learning and development



# Changing Policy Environment



## Priorities

1. Retire the Space Shuttle no later than 2010
2. Complete the International Space Station
3. Develop and fly the Crew Exploration Vehicle by 2014
4. Return to the Moon no later than 2020
5. Extend human presence across the solar system and beyond

## Policy Focus:

**Advance U.S. Scientific, Security, Economic interests**



**ESMD**



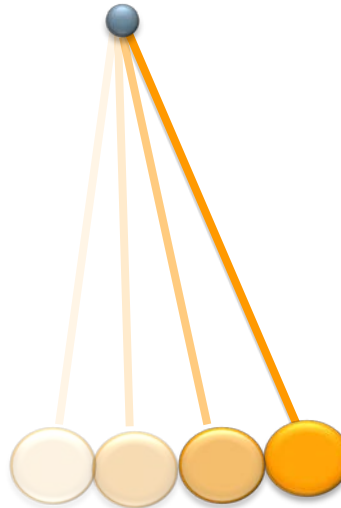
**SOMD**



**SMD**



**ARMD/Tech**



## Priorities

1. Protect the Earth's Environment
2. Enhance Relevance to Earth Science
3. Green Aeronautics
4. Human Spaceflight Technology Development

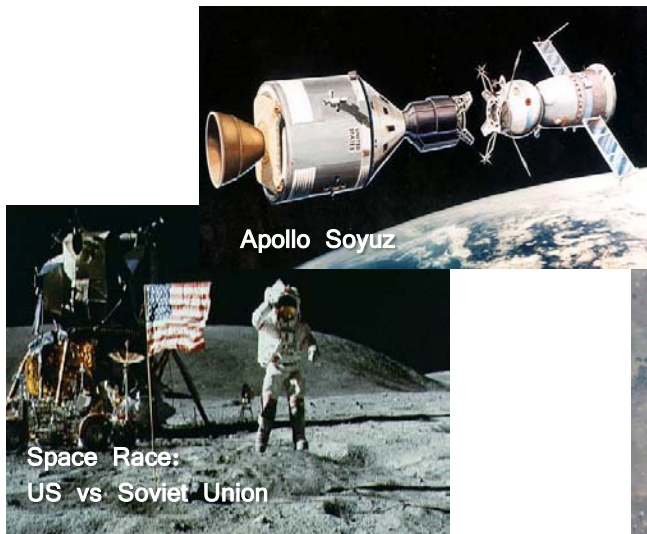
## Policy Focus:

**Tech., Environment, Commercial, Int'l**

# Trend is increasing commercial, multinational collaboration



- Complex Integration, Systems Engineering, Partnership
- ISS Program is Prototypical Example of Success



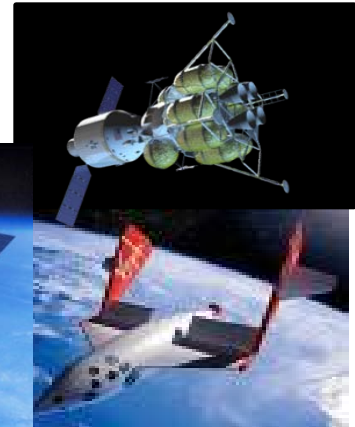
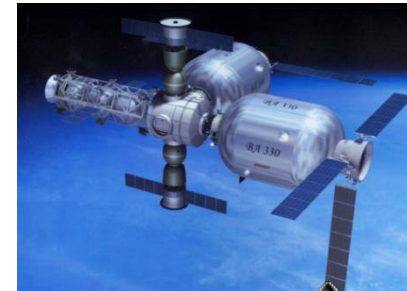
Apollo Soyuz



Space Shuttle



ISS: NASA, Canada, Russia, Japan, ESA



NASA,  
International,  
Commercial,  
Technology

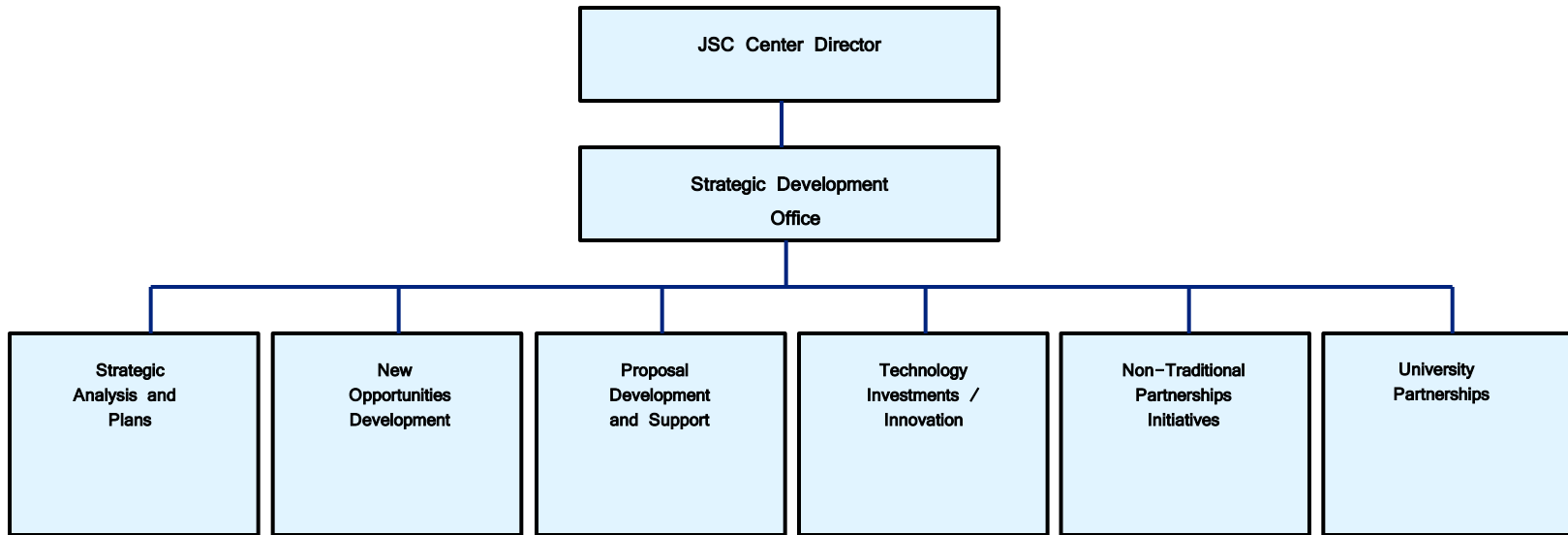
*Competition*

*Collaboration*

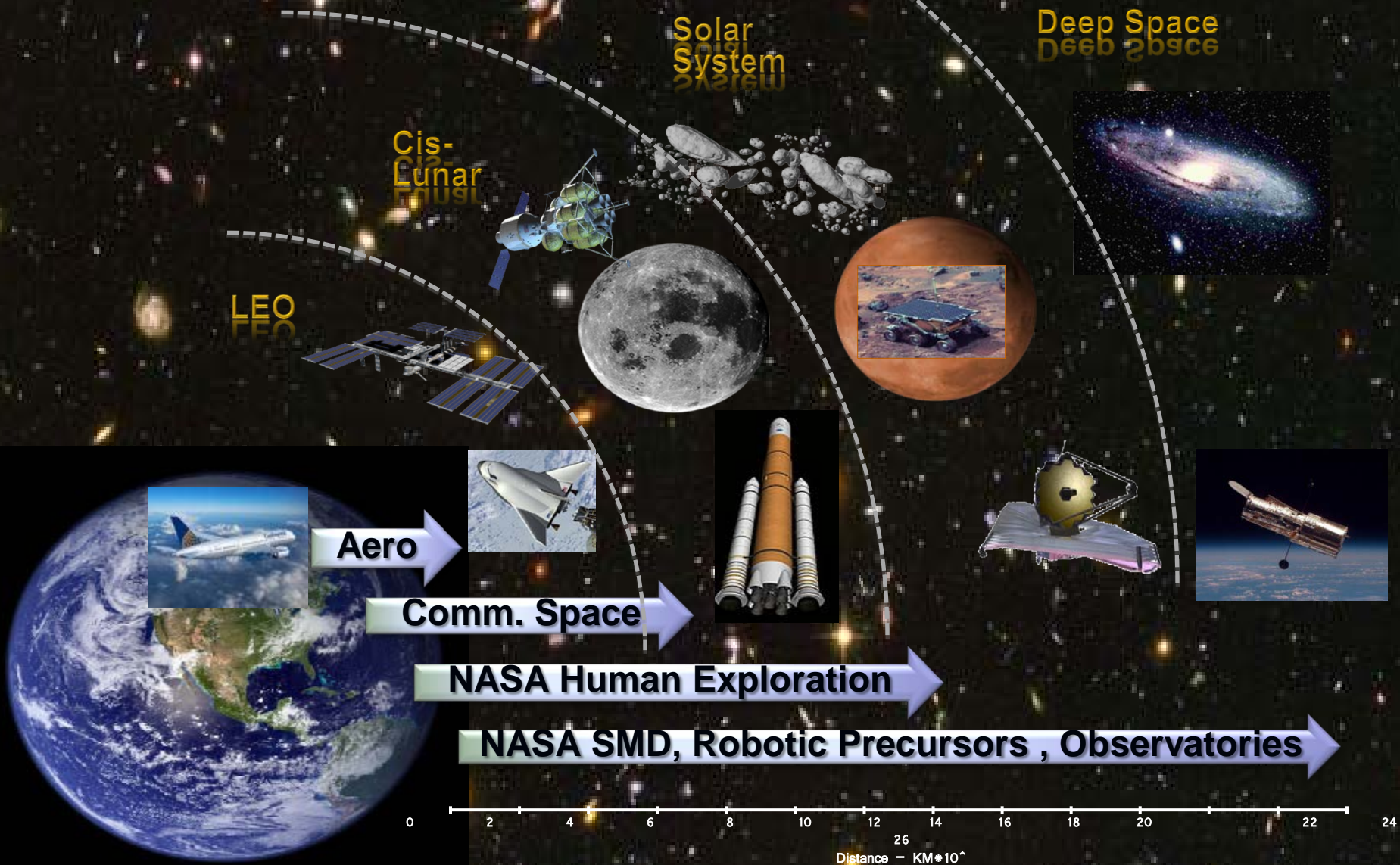




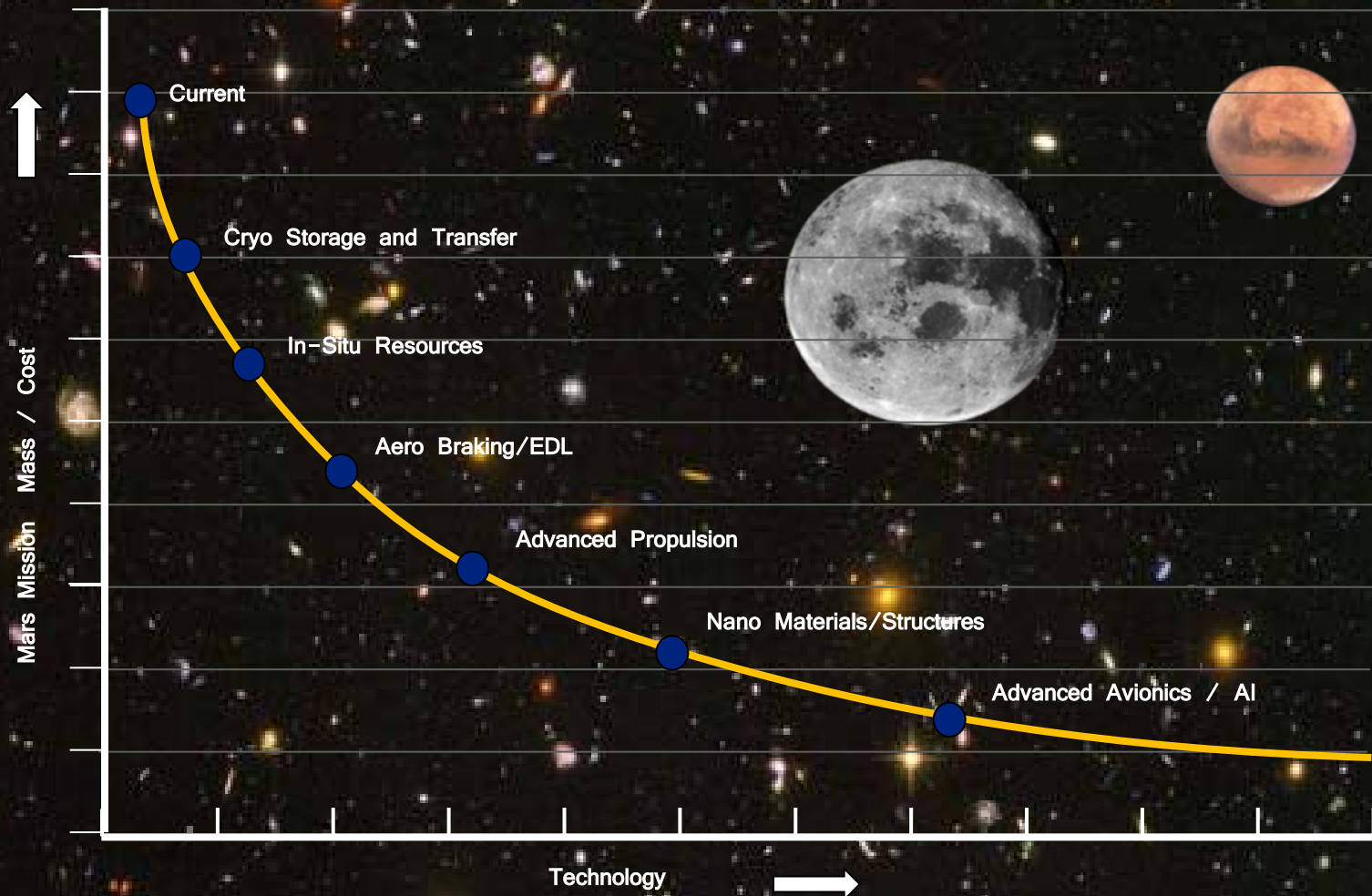
# Strategic Development Office



# Exploration Domain Evolution

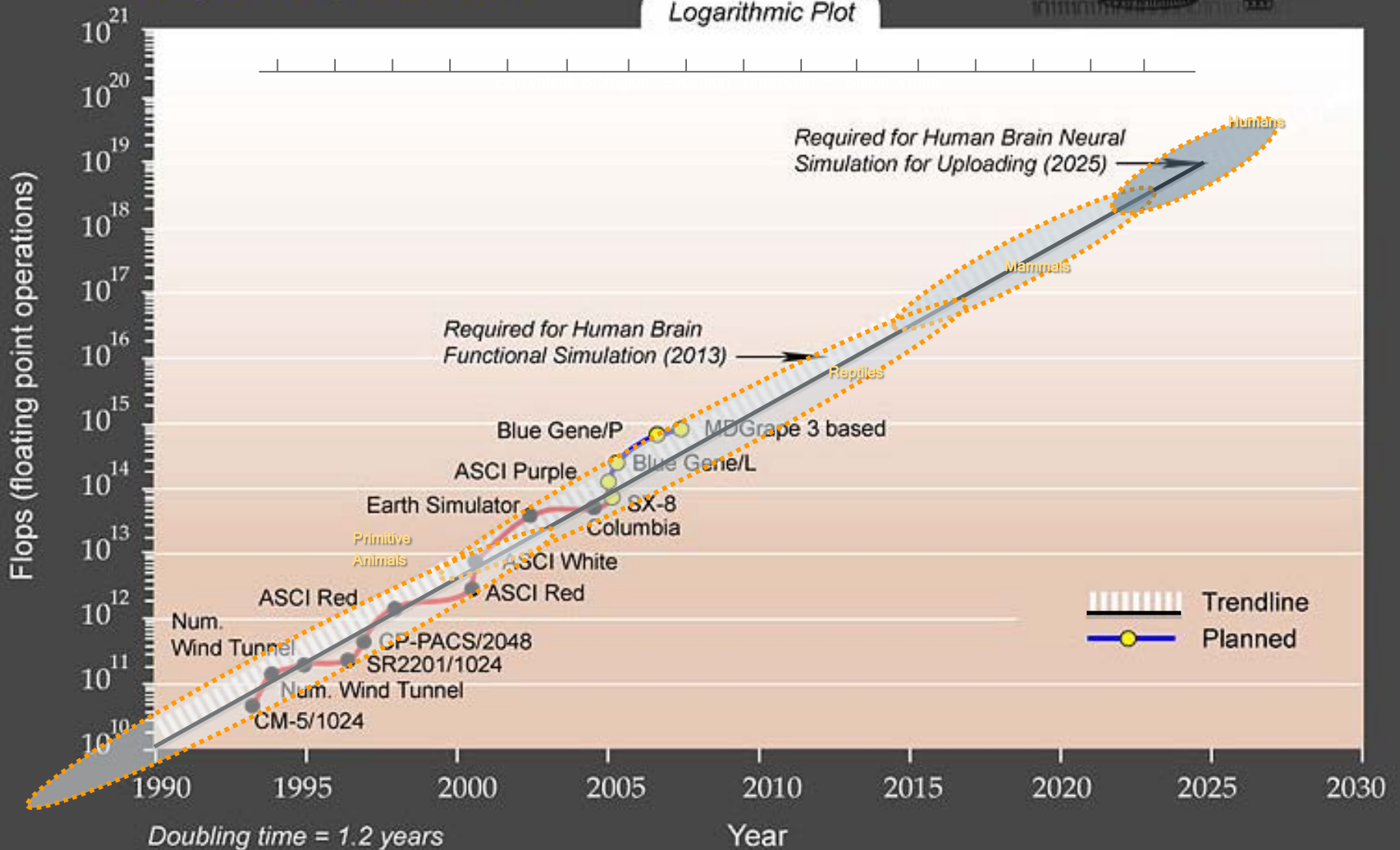






# Growth in Supercomputer Power

Logarithmic Plot





National Aeronautics and  
Space Administration



Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center

Strategic Development Office



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(Technical)



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Deputy Director



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Director



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Associate Director  
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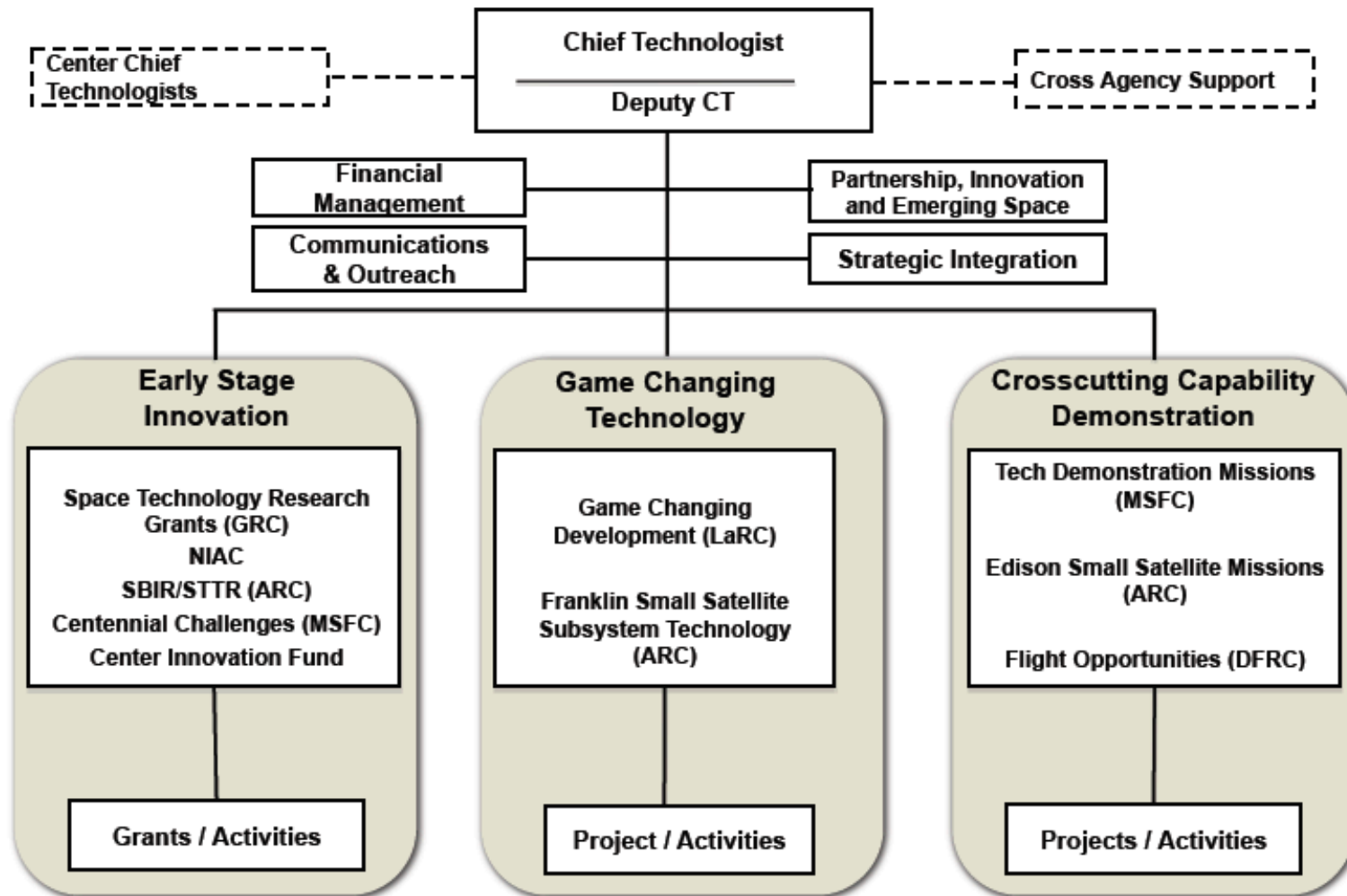
Exploration Systems Mission Directorate



Lawrence D. Thomas  
Manager,  
Constellation Program

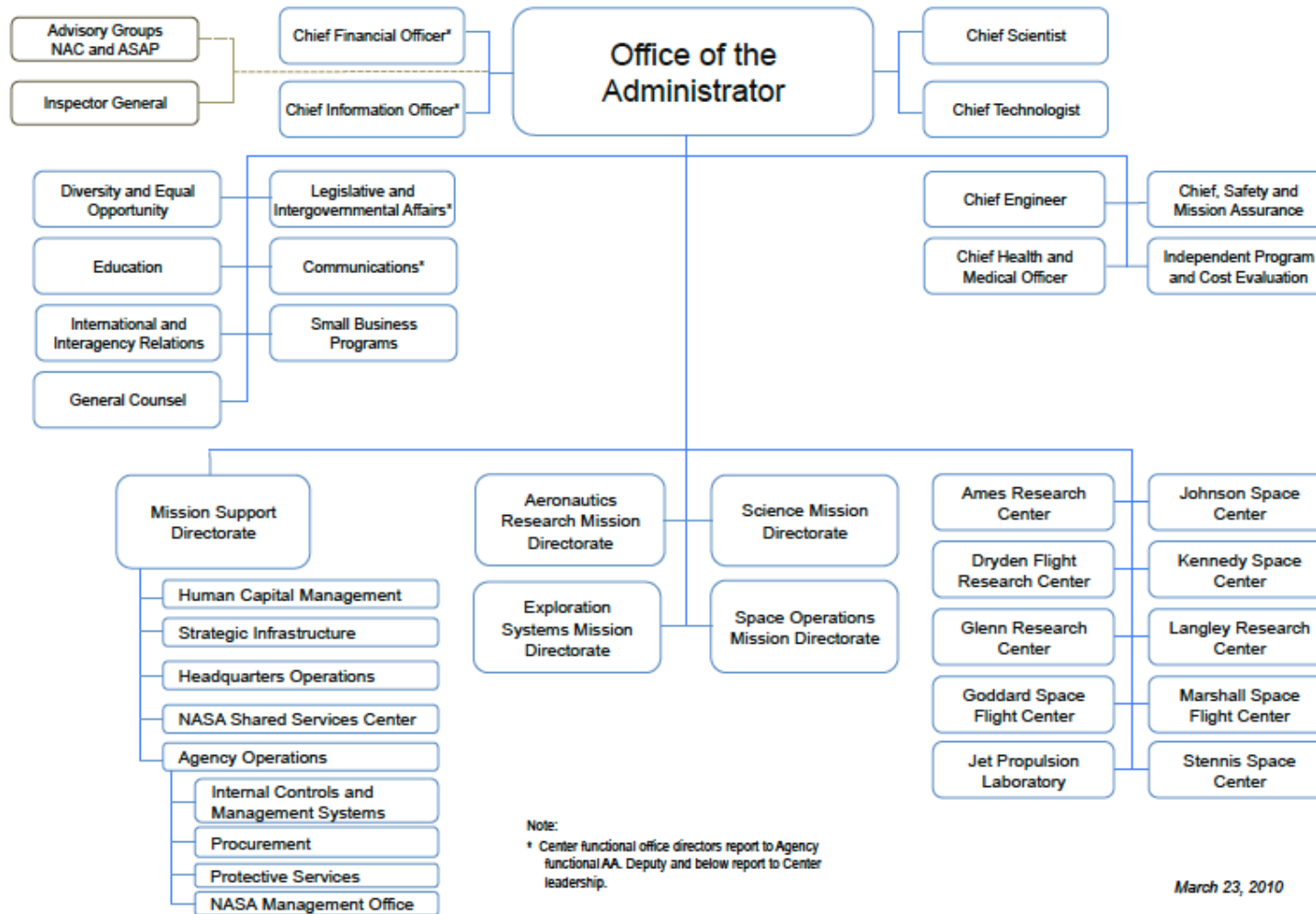


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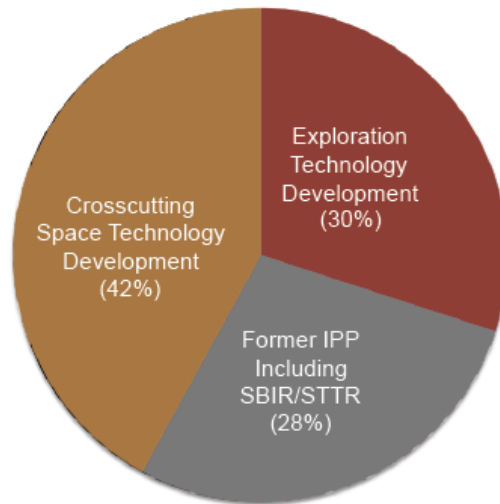
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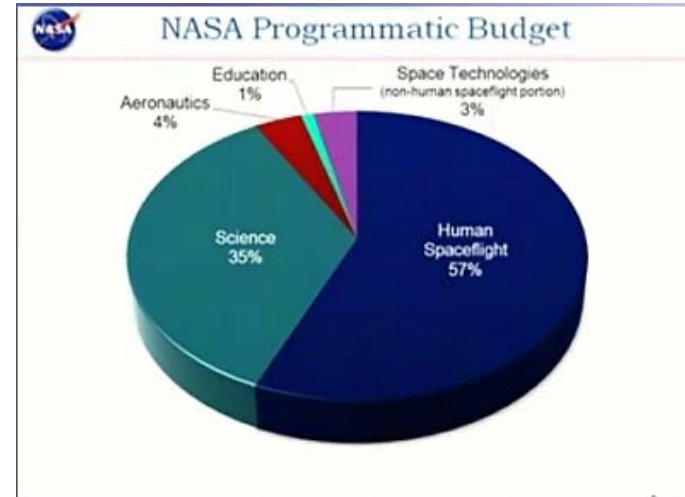
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# Budget



**NASA FY2012 Proposed  
Space Technology Budget  
(\$1024M)**



RV \$ in Millions Full Cost	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>SPACE TECHNOLOGY Guideline Controls</b>	<b>1,024.2</b>	<b>1,024.2</b>	<b>1,024.2</b>	<b>1,024.2</b>	<b>1,024.2</b>	<b>1,024.2</b>
Partnership Development and Strategic Integration PRA	33	33	33	33	33	33
SBIR/STTR PRA	184.1	184.1	184.1	184.1	184.1	184.1
Crosscutting Space Technology Development PRA	497.1	497.1	497.1	497.1	497.1	497.1
<i>Space Technology Research (STRG)</i>	45	55	60	60	60	60
<i>NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts (NIAC)</i>	6	9	9	12	12	12
<i>Center Innovations Fund (CIF)</i>	40	40	40	40	40	40
<i>Centennial Challenges</i>	10	10	10	10	10	10
<i>Game Changing Development (GCD)</i>	133	134	151	153.1	143.1	143.1
<i>Franklin Small Satellite Subsystem Technologies</i>	13	15	15	15	15	15
<i>Technology Demonstration Missions (TDM)</i>	211.1	192.1	165.1	160	170	170
<i>Edison Small Satellite Demonstration Missions</i>	22	25	30	30	30	30
<i>Flight Opportunities</i>	17	17	17	17	17	17
Exploration Technology Development PRA	310	310	310	310	310	310
<i>Exploration specific Game Changing Development</i>	191	167	140	145	185	185
<i>Exploration specific Technology Demonstration Missions</i>	119	143	170	165	125	125



# ***Technology Development Areas***

**Tammy Gafka, James Smith, Omar Hatamleh  
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**Collaborations with Airbus (Toulouse, France / Hamburg, Germany)  
April 2011**



# Composite Structures – Technology Needs



## Technology Needs

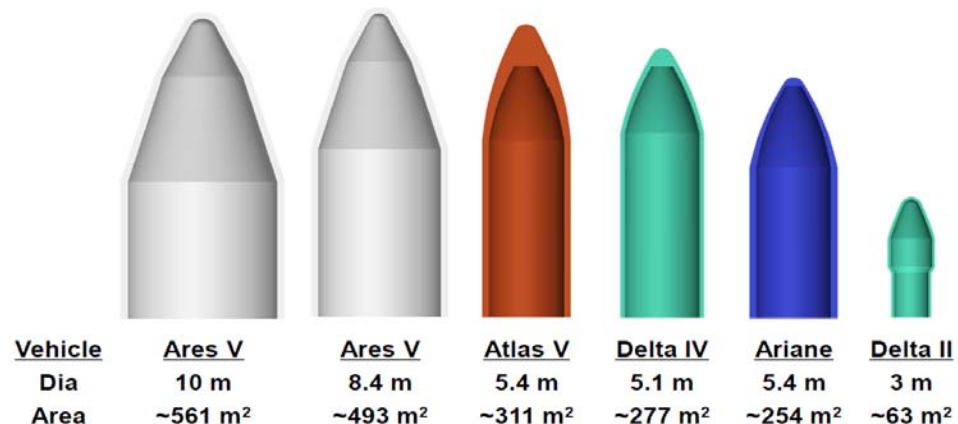
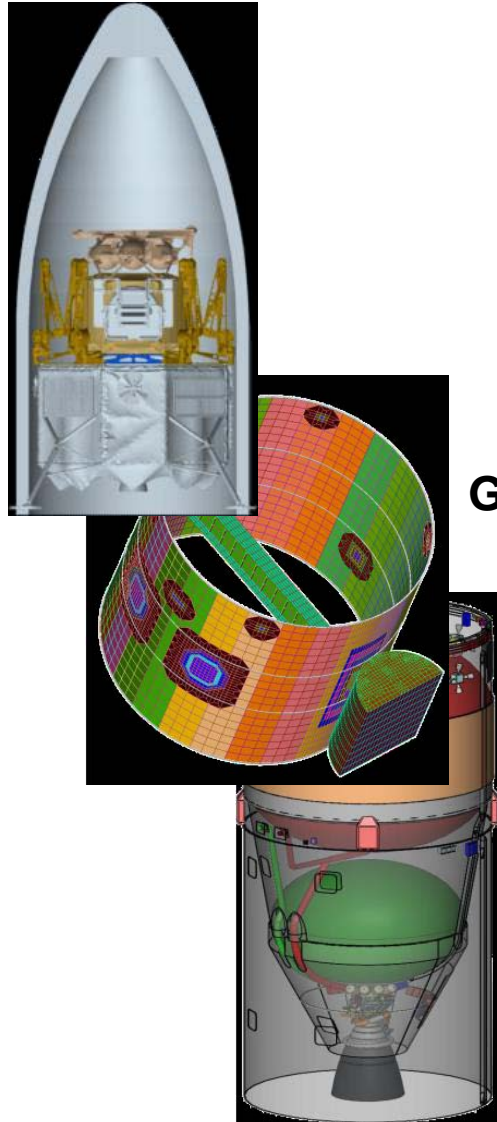
- Large Composite Manufacturing
- Composite Damage Tolerance/Detection
- Light-weight Composite Joining
- COPVs/Composite Cryotanks
- Elevated Temperature Designs
- Multi-Functional Designs/Human Habitation (Certification Methods)



**Composite  
Crew  
Module**

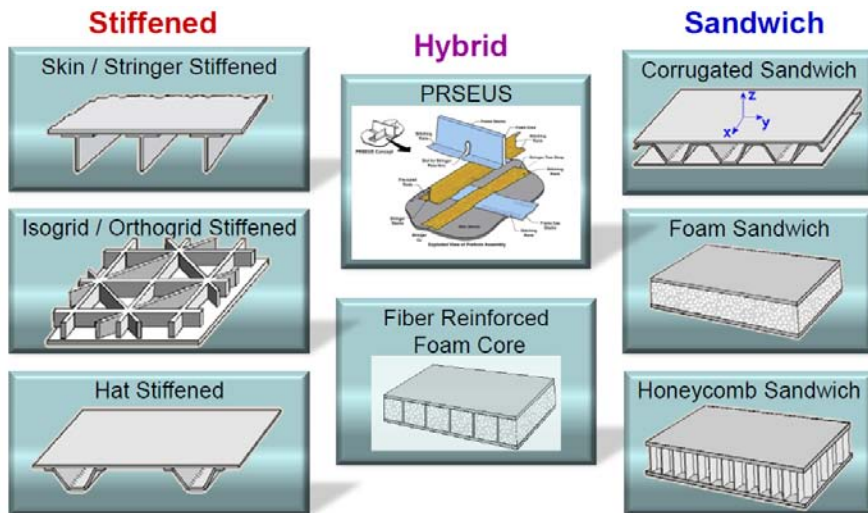
## Goals

- 25-30% structural weight savings compared to metallics
- 20-25% cost savings compared to metallics
- Technical Maturity: consistent, predictable response

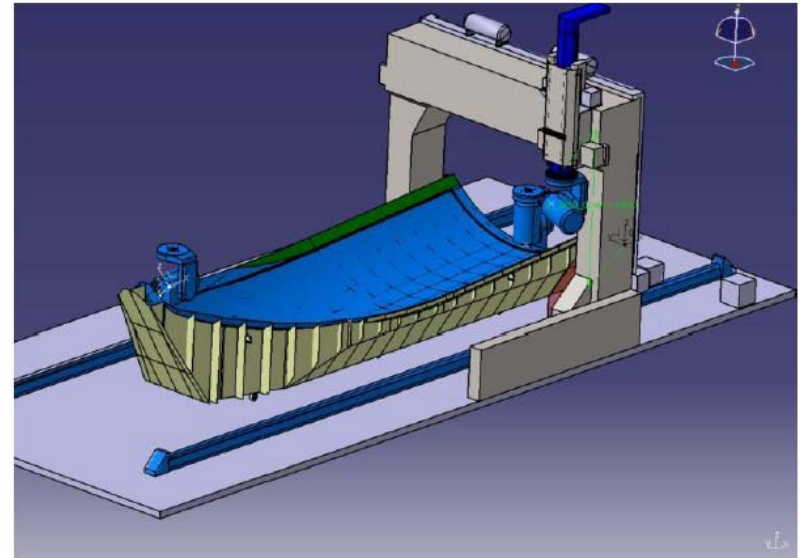


# Composite Structures – Large Structure Manufacturing

## Structural Concepts



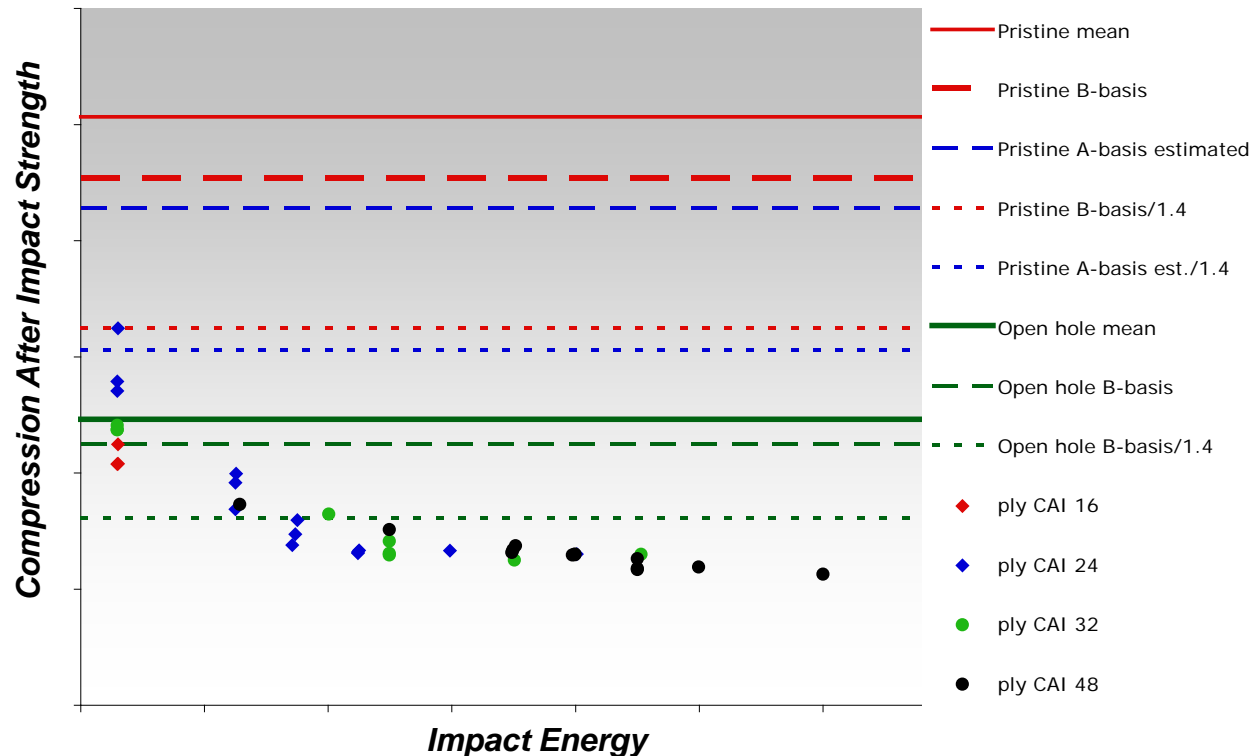
## Automated Fabrication



## Out-of-Autoclave/ Out-Time Studies

Concept Out-Time					
Sandwich		Skin-Stringer		Fluted	
Process Step	Time (days)	Process Step	Time (days)	Process Step	Time (days)
Inner skin	12	Skin	12	Inner skin	12
Film adhesive	12	Film adhesive	12	Film adhesive	12
Debulk	4	Debulk	4	Debulk	4
Core	10	stringer charge	5	flute charge	7
Core splicing	5				
Core rework	2				
Film adhesive	3				
Outer skin	12			Outer skin	12
Final bag	8	Final bag	8	Final bag	8
Total	68	Total	41	Total	55
Allowable	40	Allowable	40	Allowable	40
Margin	-28	Margin	-1	Margin	-15

## *The Issue...*



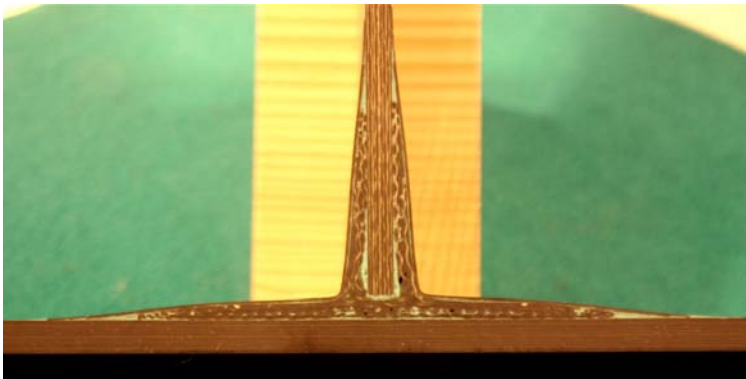
## *Mitigations Through Technology Development:*

- Damage tolerant material systems
- Late-in-flow production NDE / IVHM to reduce “design-to” damage thresholds
- Novel ground-based protection mechanisms (e.g. shielding, impact-indication coatings...)
- Late-in-flow repair materials and techniques

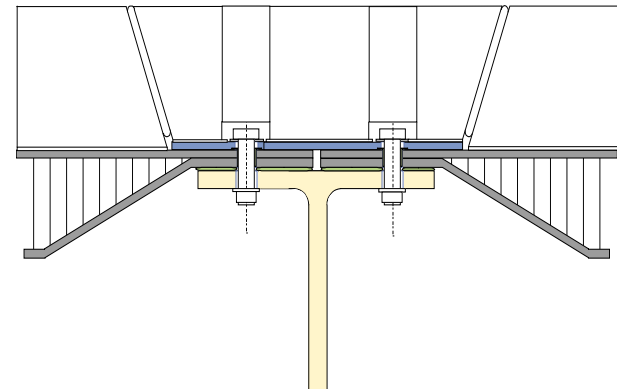


Advanced joints that

- efficiently transfer load
- limit permeability (for tanks and habs)
- are compatible with space environments



***Bonded Fabric Pre-Forms***



***Fastening Systems***

# Composite Structures – Cryotanks



## Technical Challenges

- Hydrogen Permeability
- Immature Out-of-Autoclave Material Systems
- Manufacturing and NDE Scale-Up
- Damage Tolerance
- Design Allowables at Representative Environments
- Integrated w/ Structural Elements
- Verification/Certification

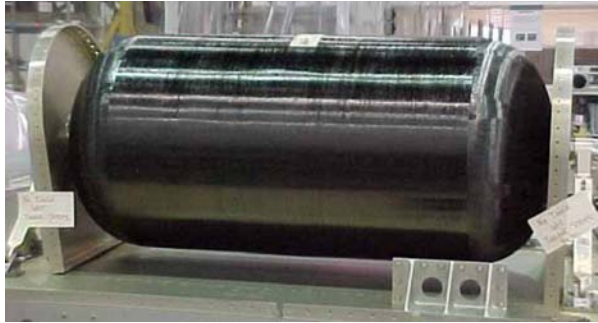


**X-34 Tank**



**Microcosm Tank**

# Composite Structures - COPV

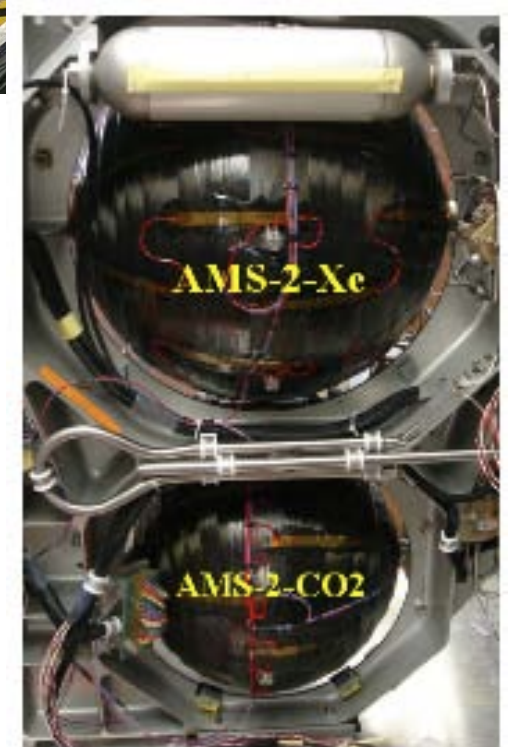
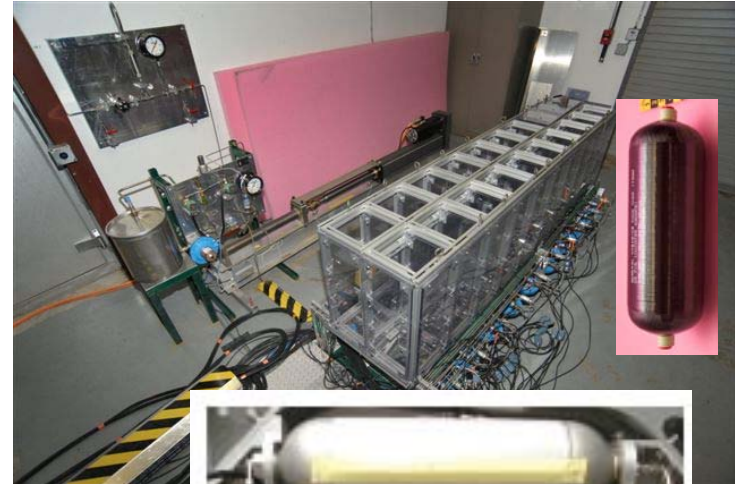


ISS N2 Tank



SAFER Tank

## Subscale Vessel Test Program



NASA photos

AMSTank

## Composite Failure Concerns

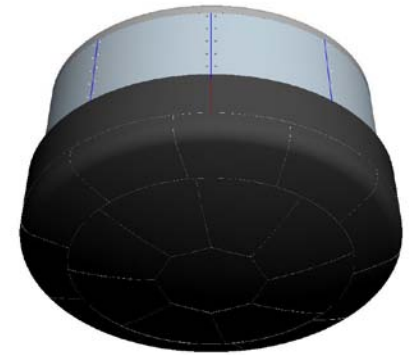
- Damage propagation from impacts  
Mitigated by Damage Control Plan
- Manufacturing variability  
Mitigated by qualification tests which include burst tests after thermal and pressure cycle tests
- **Stress rupture (creep-like) failure**  
Catastrophic failure after a given time at stress levels  
Mitigated by this proposed phased test approach



# Composite Structures – High Temperature Systems



***High temperature (500+ deg F) material systems (composites, core, adhesives) with controlled impact energy absorption needed for re-entry/landing vehicle heat shields***

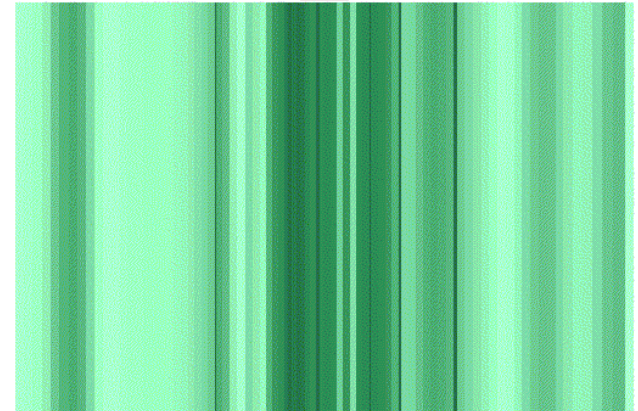


**ISS Downmass Capsule**



**Orion Heatshield**

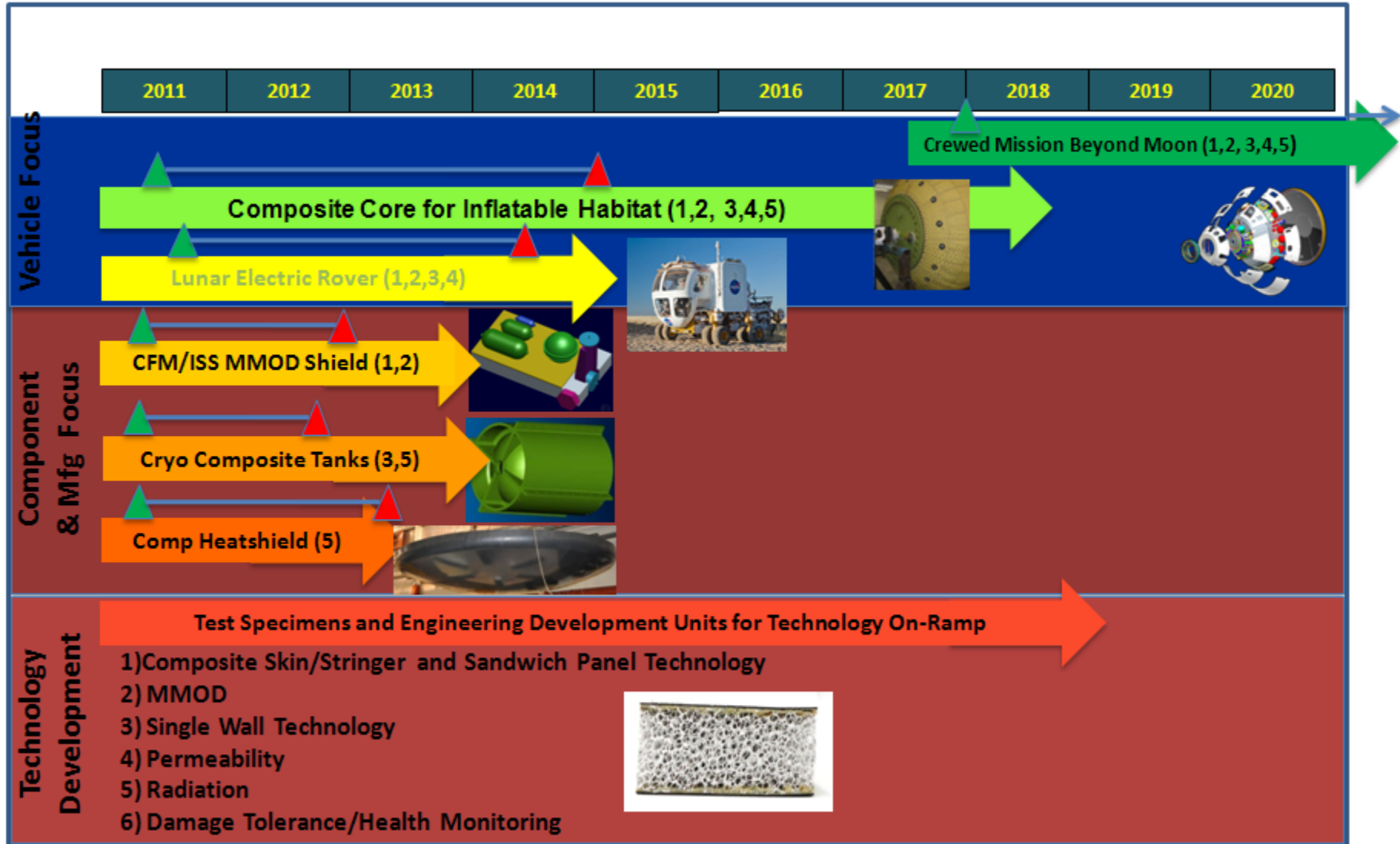
SIMPLE MODEL FOR DEBUGGING  
Time = 0



# Composite Structures - Multi-Functional Designs



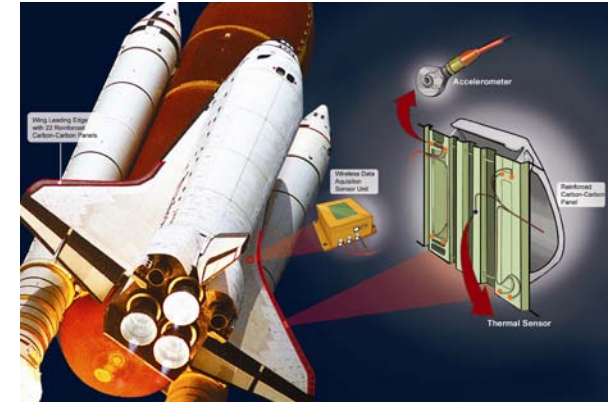
## JSC Composite Structure Roadmap



***To enable long duration space flight, vehicle risk mitigation requires on-orbit ability to first, protect, then...***

- **detect**
- **inspect**
- **repair**

***...an anomalous structure/mechanism***



## **Candidate technologies needed for on-orbit inspection of manned systems:**

1. Visual Cameras with Illuminators
2. Laser-Based Systems: next generation of the systems used on Orbiter including 3D borescopes
3. Micro-Wave SAF Video Imagers
4. Time-Domain Terahertz Computed Axial Tomography Line Scanner
5. X-ray Back-Scatter
  - Backshell TPS and structure inspection at suspect MMOD impact sites
6. Hit Grid Imbedded in the RTV Bond Layer
  - Damage to this layer recorded mechanically
7. Acoustic Emission Detection from Back Side of Substrate.
  - Impact sensing to the panel level
  - Damage sensing: impact to face sheet(s) or not
8. Charge Time of Arrival
  - Impact and location based on conducted emission

**Some of these NDE technologies are also applicable to ground processing**





# Applied Nanotechnology

## Advanced Life Support

- Regenerable CO<sub>2</sub> Removal
- Water recovery

## Thermal Protection and Management

- Ablators and ceramic nanofibers
- TPS repair materials
- Passive / active thermal management (spacesuit fabric, avionics)

## Multi-functional / Structural Materials

- Primary structure
- Inflatables

## Power / Energy Storage Materials

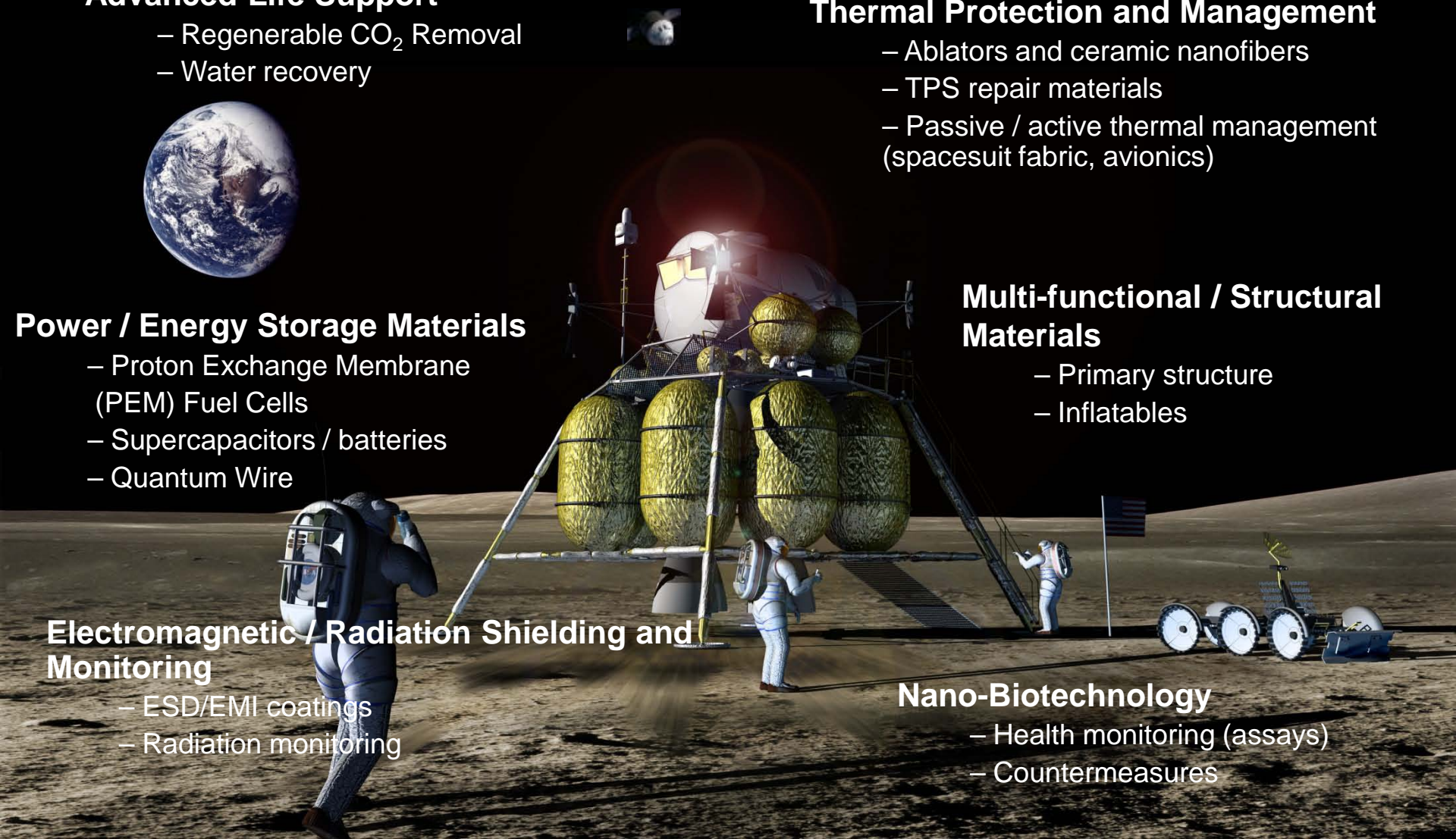
- Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) Fuel Cells
- Supercapacitors / batteries
- Quantum Wire

## Electromagnetic / Radiation Shielding and Monitoring

- ESD/EMI coatings
- Radiation monitoring

## Nano-Biotechnology

- Health monitoring (assays)
- Countermeasures



## The Nanotechnology Group's Current Projects:

- Self healing multifunctional Composites
- Gas Absorption: MOF Nanomaterials
- Solar Cells – Band Gap Engineered High Efficiency Solar Cells
- Aluminum/Nanocomposite Materials – Aluminum having the strength of steel yet the weight of aluminum.

## Our Main Focus Areas:

**Energy:** this area includes energy storage, energy generation, and energy systems

**Environmental Control and Life Support Systems:** This area is primarily the systems required to ensure the astronauts health and survivability. It includes air systems, temperature control, food, waste, humidity control, space suites, life support systems, radiation protection, etc.

**Nanomaterials:** This includes nanocomposites, Improved damage tolerance, structural health monitoring, self repair materials, multifunctional materials, lightning strike protection, coatings, and textiles/fabrics, seals, thermal materials

**Life Sciences (nano-biotechnology):** crew health, nanomedicine

## Possible Areas of Collaboration:

**Nanocomposites:** Nanotechnology offers self healing capabilities, lightning strike protection (multifunctional capabilities), and high structural strength.

**Gas/Energy Storage:** We have interest in hydrogen, carbon dioxide, methane, and oxygen gas storage. This has applications for fuel storage for long duration space missions and terrestrial applications for sustainability efforts.

**Other Energy Storage:** We also have interest in ultra capacitors, fly wheels and batteries.

**Energy Generation:** Our interests include solar cells, fuel cells, piezoelectrics, and thermoelectric.

**Gas Separation:** We are interested in areas to more efficiently separate gases for applications such as bioreactors.

- Definition
  - ASTM F42: "process of joining materials to make objects from 3D model data, usually layer upon layer, as opposed to subtractive manufacturing methodologies"
  - Born out of rapid prototyping
  - "Add instead of subtract"
- Why?
  - Put material where you want it
  - Waste less material on chips
  - Make complex geometry
  - Reduce part count
  - Gradient materials
  - "On-demand" from model

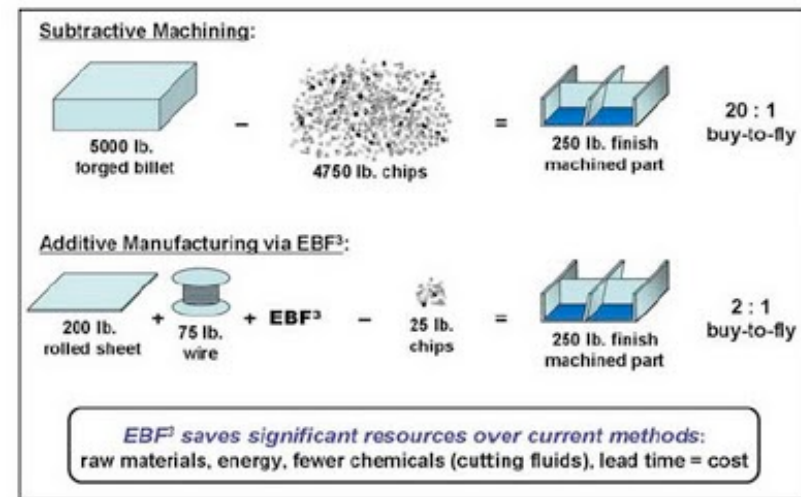
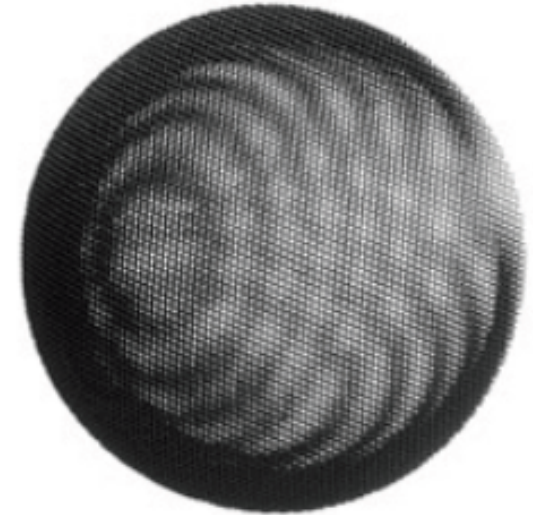

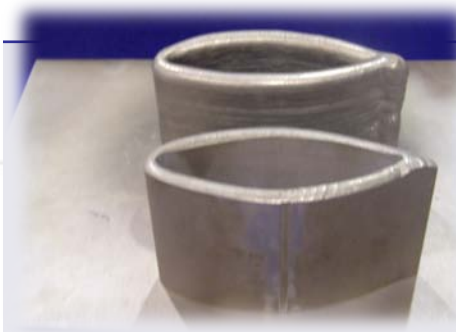




Figure 1. Comparison of traditional machining versus additive manufacturing.



# Selected NASA Additive Systems

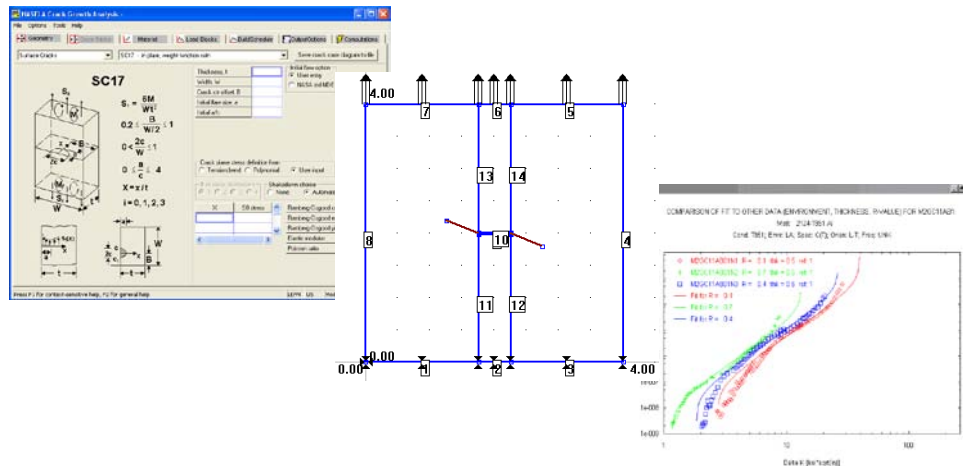


Laser Engineered Net Shaping (LENS)	Electron Beam Free Form Fabrication (EBF3)	Selective Laser Melting (SLM)	Electron Beam Melting (EBM)
JSC	LaRC	LaRC	MSFC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Laser</li> <li>-Gas-delivered powder</li> <li>-0.010"</li> <li>-Ti, Steel, Inconel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Electron Beam</li> <li>-Wire</li> <li>-0.125"</li> <li>-Al, Ti, Steel, Inconel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laser</li> <li>-Power bed</li> <li>-0.005"</li> <li>-Al, Ti, Steel, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Electron beam</li> <li>-Powder bed</li> <li>-0.005"</li> <li>-Al, Ti, Steel, Inconel, etc.</li> </ul>
 <p>Novel structures created by LENS</p>			

## Fracture Mechanics & Fatigue Crack Growth Analysis Software [www.nasgro.swri.org](http://www.nasgro.swri.org)

Integrated modules with user-friendly graphical interfaces:

- Calculate FCG life, critical crack size, or stress intensity factors
- Store, retrieve, and curve-fit FCG and fracture toughness data
- 2-D boundary element program to calculate SIFs and stresses



### Consortium Partners

Airbus

Hamilton Sundstrand

Siemens Power

Generation

AgustaWestland

Honeywell

Sikorsky

Boeing

Israel Aerospace Industries

Spirit AeroSystems

Bombardier Aerospace

Lockheed Martin

Volvo Aero

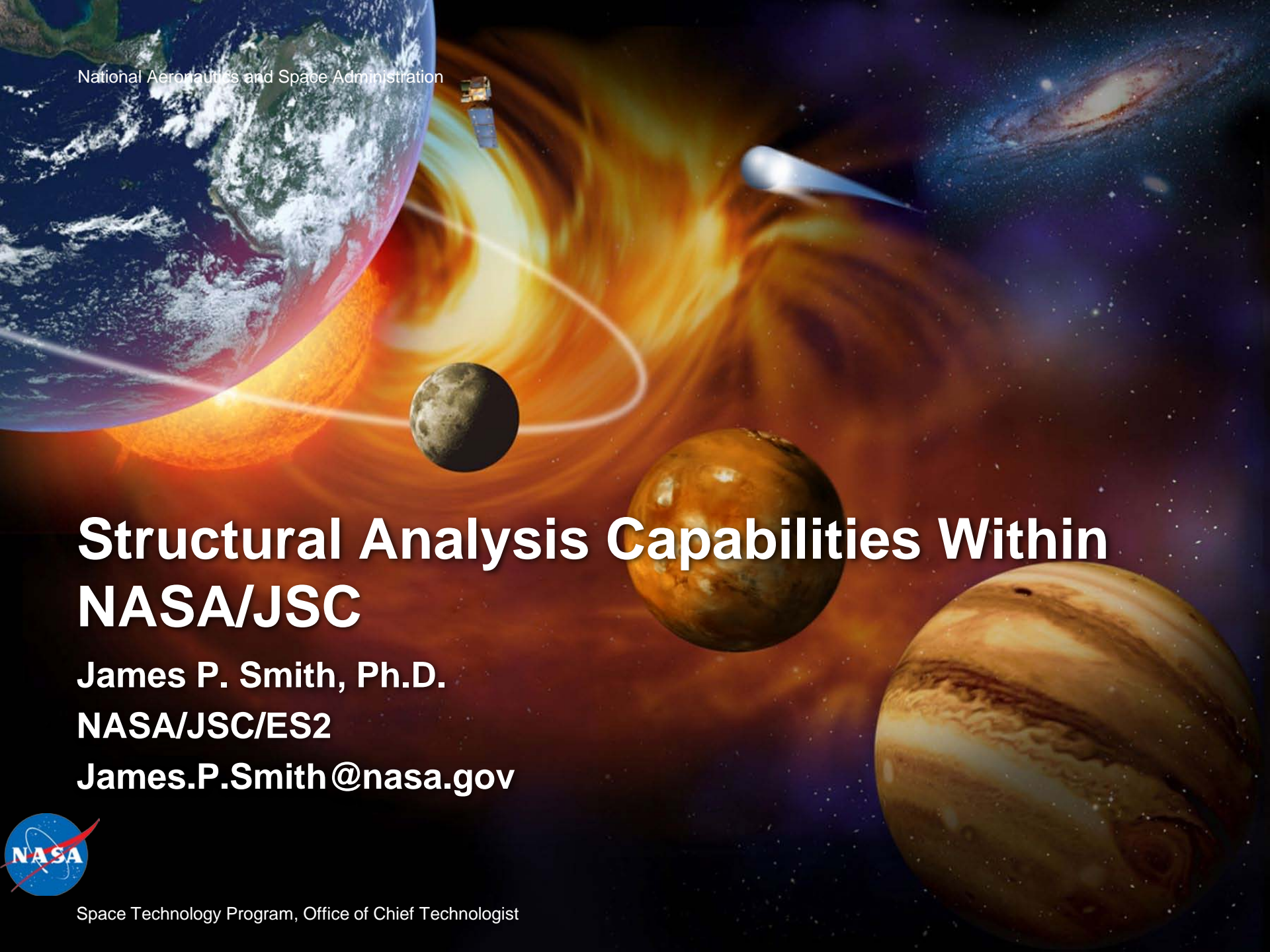
Embraer

Mitsubishi Heavy

Industries

### New Development Focuses

- Include Mode II and III fracture modes (currently only Mode I)
- Fracture/fatigue models in support of damage tolerance for composites



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# Structural Analysis Capabilities Within NASA/JSC

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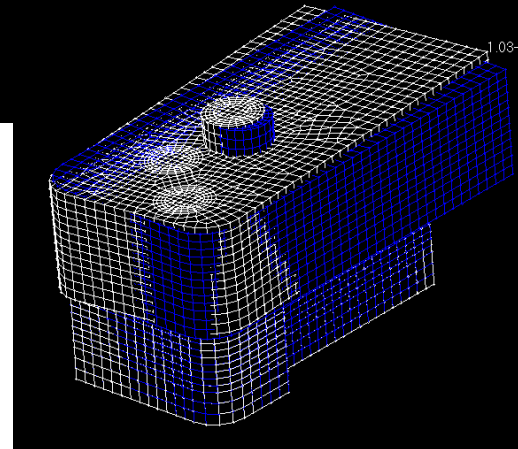
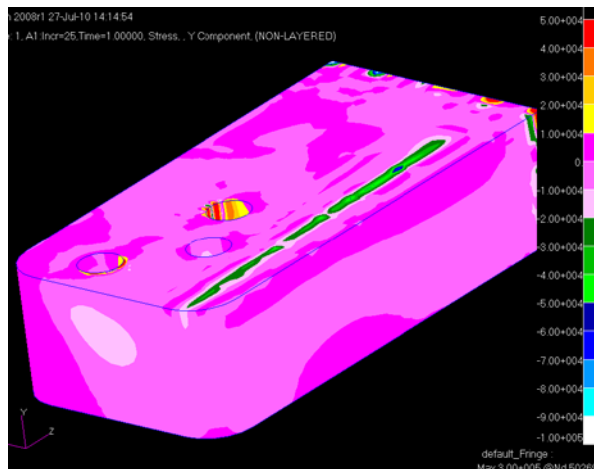
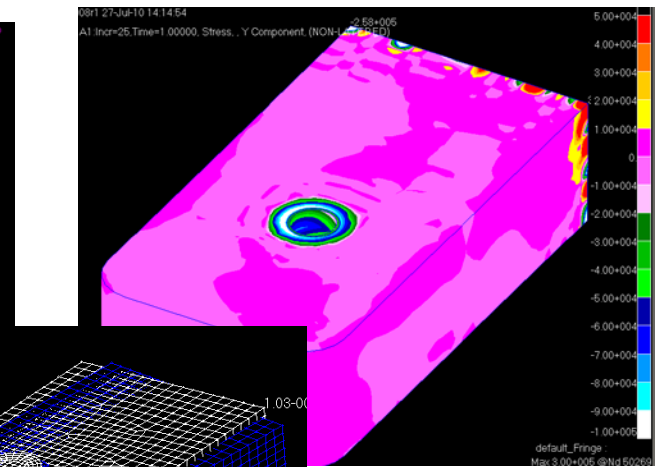
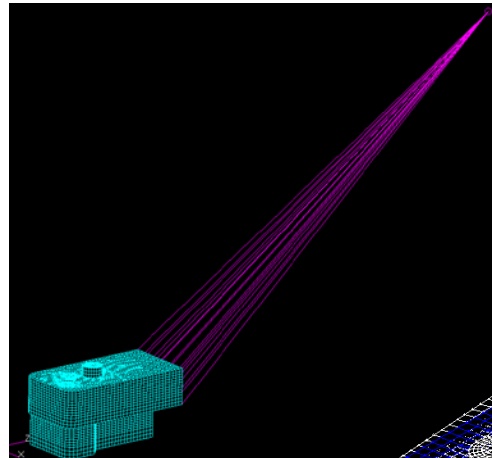
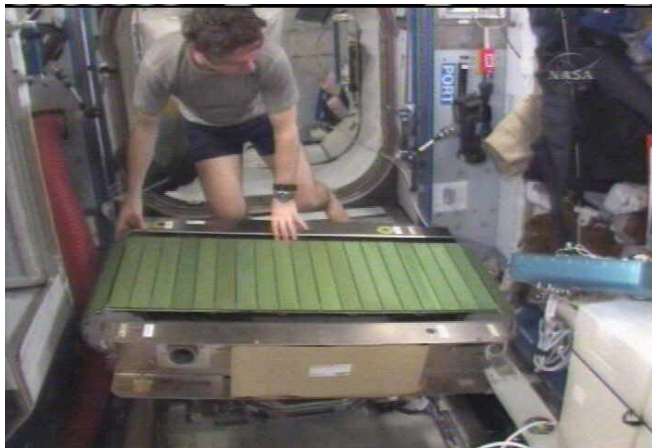


- NASA/JSC has access to a number of analysis programs for a wide area of analysis
  - Structural design (Pro/Engineer)
  - Pre/post-processors (MSC/PATRAN, I-DEAS)
  - Structural dynamics (MSC/NASTRAN, LS-Dyna, ADAMS, in-house codes for multi-body contact dynamics (flex and/or rigid), in-house codes for coupled loads analysis and modal characterization from service data, AutoSEA)
    - Coupled loads analysis
    - Berthing contact analysis
    - Aeroelastic analysis
    - Random vibration
  - Structural analysis (MSC/NASTRAN, Abaqus, Ansys, I-DEAS, StressCheck)
    - Material yielding
    - Stability analysis
    - Hardware verification
    - Optimization

# Treadmill-2/COLBERT Anomaly



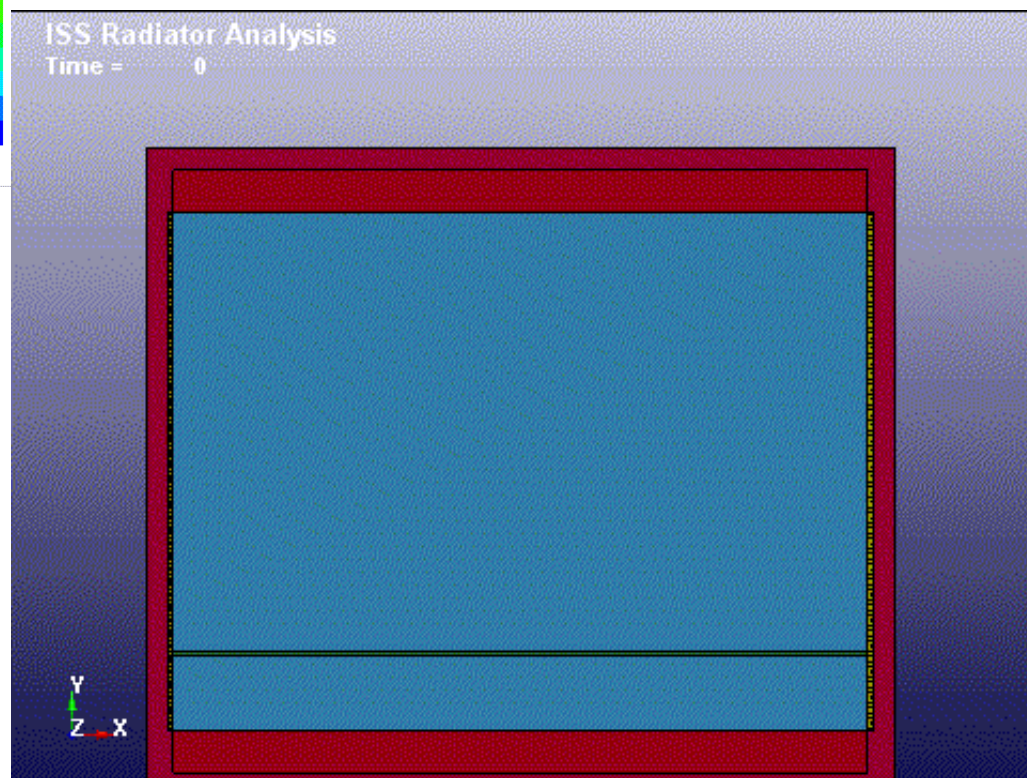
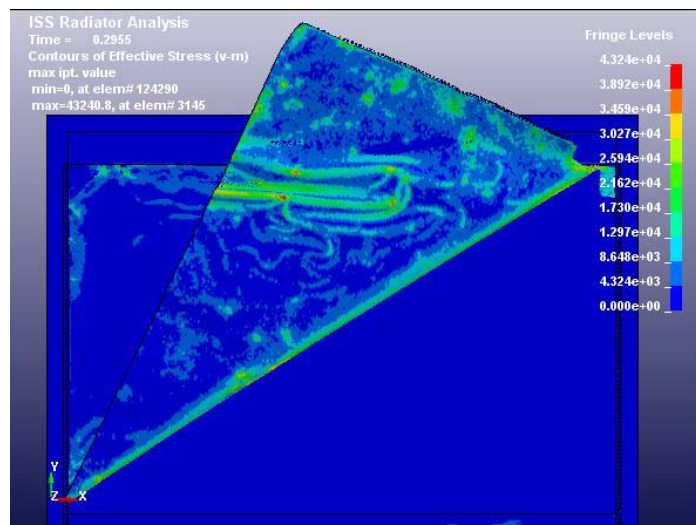
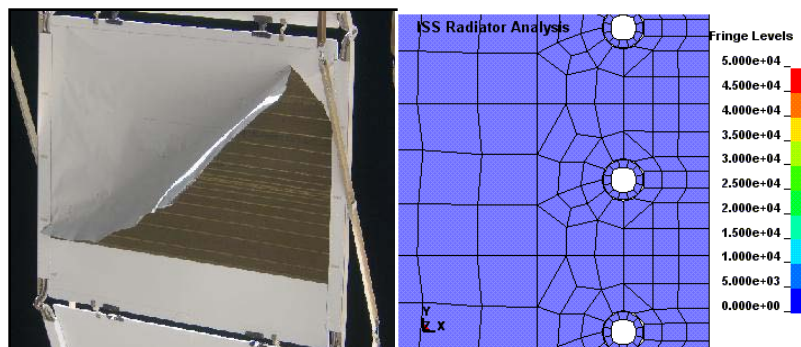
- Mis-use by the ISS crew of the COLBERT system caused a suspect condition of the structural integrity of the downstream joint
- Nonlinear material, geometric, and contact analysis performed to assess if there was reserve capacity in the bracket attach hardware



# ISS Radiator Anomaly



- An anomaly occurred on ISS where a radiator panel sheet separated from the support structure
- The root-cause analysis utilized LS-Dyna to recreate the problem using fully nonlinear behavior, including tearing

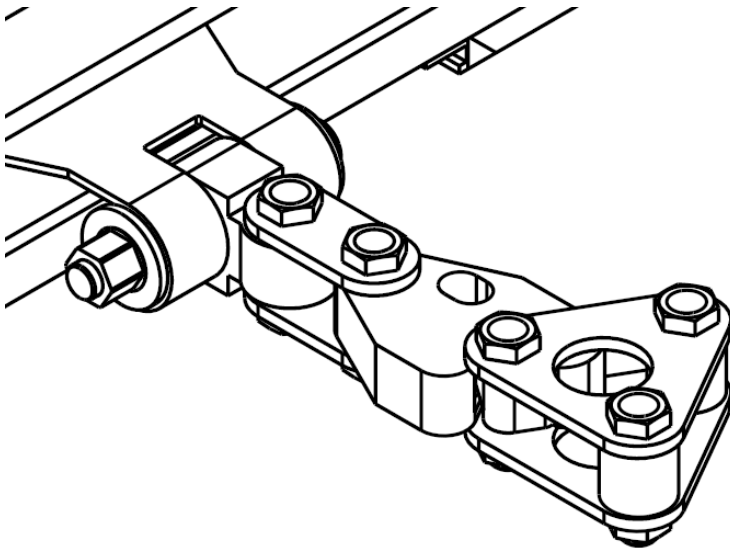




# Extraction Force Transfer Coupling Failure



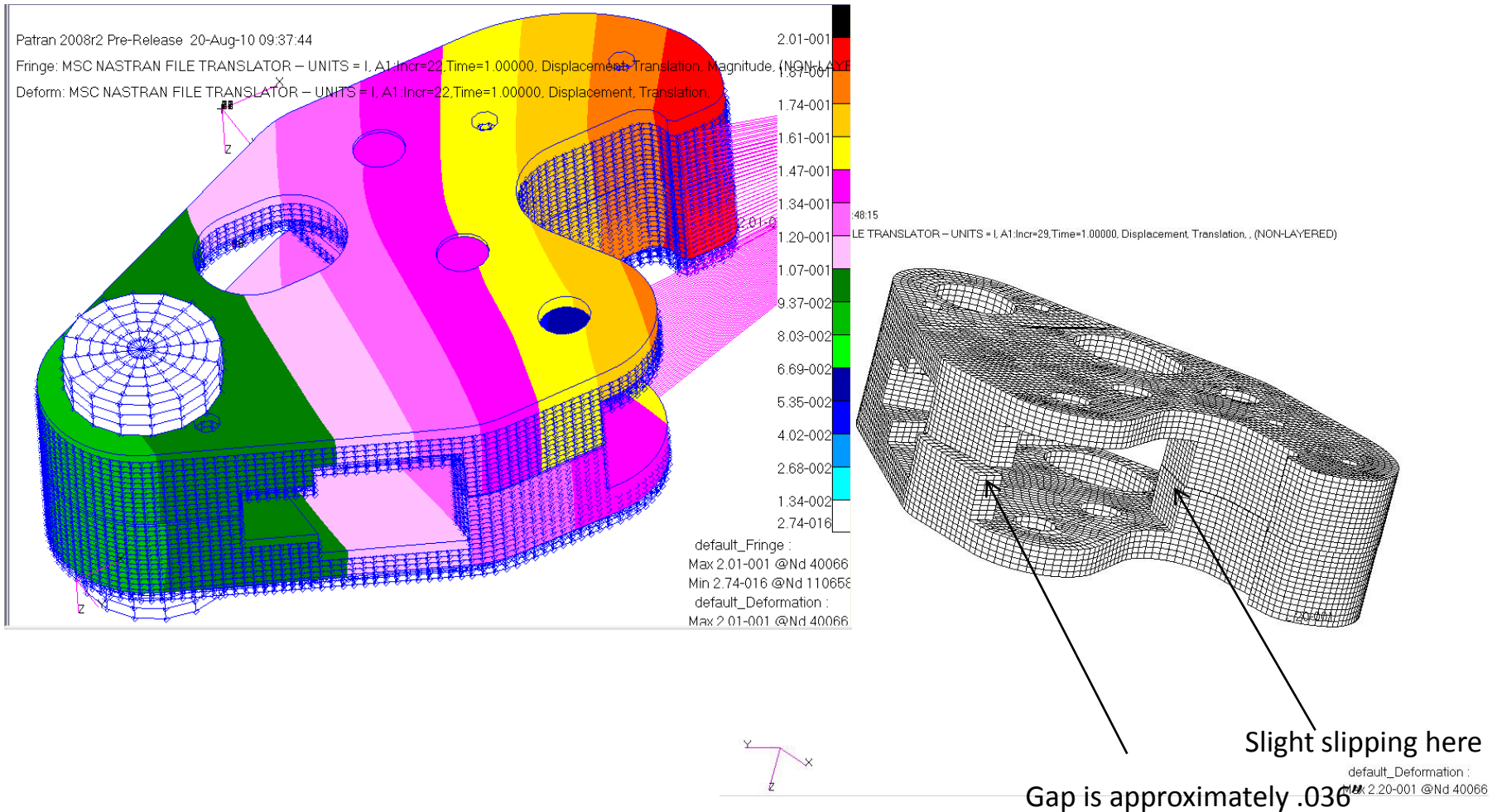
- In support of the Orion program, a drop test was performed. During the test, a coupling system intended to pull a chute did not separate. A combination of analysis and testing was performed to determine the root cause.
- Contact analysis performed to determine the loads going through bolts holding the halves together and to determine if excessive displacements are a source of binding.
- Flight failure shows evidence of plastic deformation in one of the fasteners



# Extraction Force Transfer Coupling Failure



- Externally applied loads with multi-body contact between finite element models

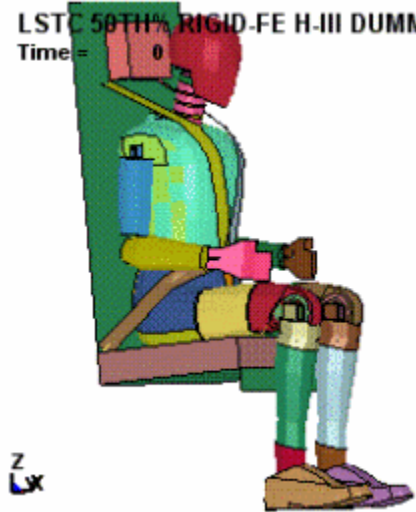




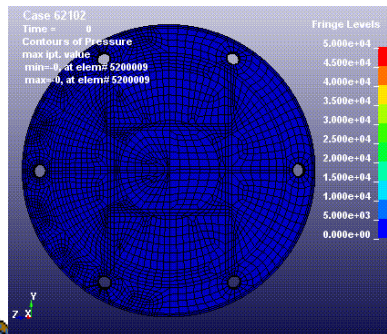
# Orion Support - CM Splashdowns



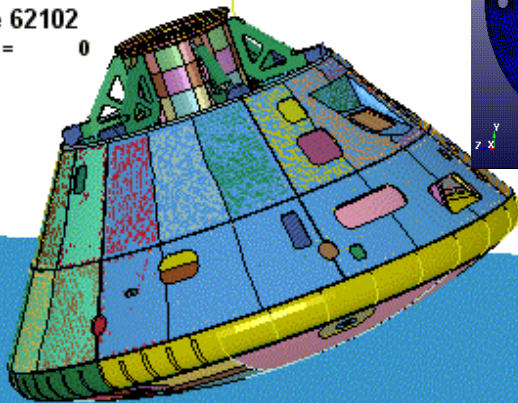
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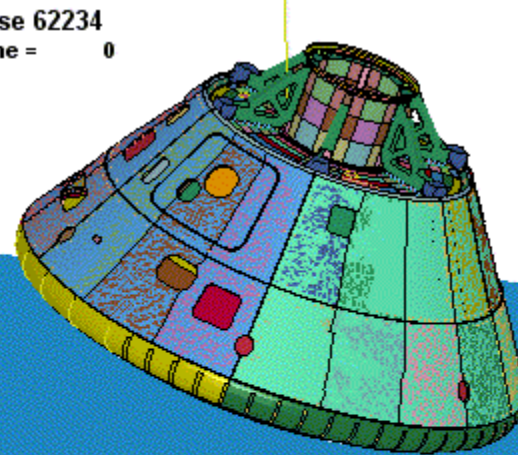
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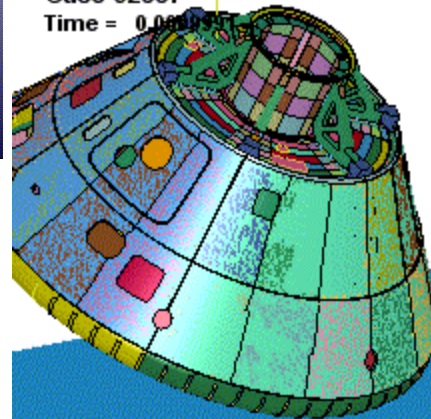
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Case 62234  
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Case 62337  
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TO VIEW ANIMATIONS, POWERPOINT MUST BE IN FULL SCREEN "SLIDE SHOW" MODE





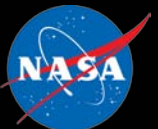
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# Friction Stir Welding and Laser Peening

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- Friction Stir Welding (FSW) is a solid-state metal joining process producing high-strength, defect-free joints in metallic materials. The process employs a pin tool with a low rotational speed and applied pressure that "mechanically stirs" two parent materials together to produce a uniform weld.
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- Partnership between NASA, the State of Louisiana, and the University of New Orleans
- NCAM combines education, research, and manufacturing to provide leadership in technology.
- Located in New Orleans, Louisiana at NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF), which is managed by Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama
- NCAM has three machines for FSW called the Universal Weld Systems or UWS 1-3, in the order in which they were installed.



- JSC equipment includes an MTS FSW Process Development System (PDS)
- The PDS is a fully instrumented research system that is capable of simultaneous force-controlled operation of three independent axes (X, Z, Pin)
- The PDS can do research work and process development for the larger MTS systems at the Michoud Assembly Facility which use the same weld head



# NCAM UWS#1 & UWS #2



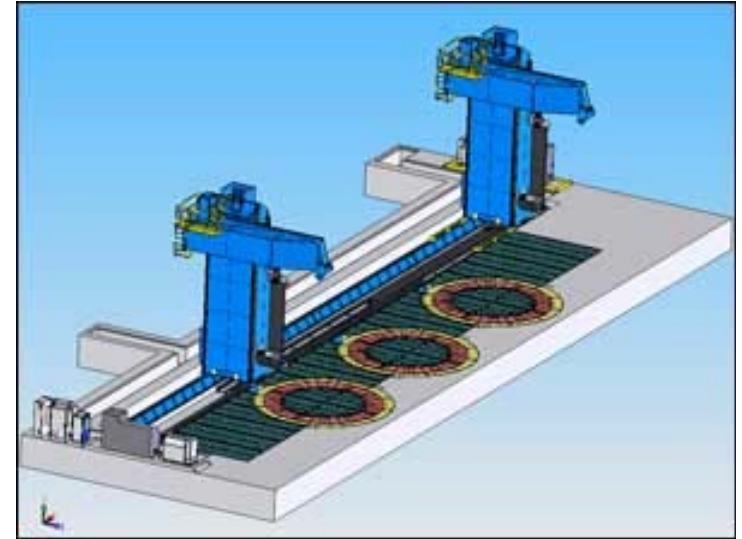
## Capacity

- 16 ft. x 21.5 ft. x 10 ft. of linear motion
- 2 axis of gimbal motion of the weld head
- 30 ft. rotary table with one rotational degree of freedom



## Capacity

- 40 ft. 10 in. X-Axis x 22 ft. 8 in. Y-Axis x 12 ft. 2 in. Z-Axis of linear motion
- 2 axis of gimbal motion of the weld head
- 22 ft. rotary table with one rotational degree of freedom
- 40 ft. x 20 ft. flat weld area with T-slots



- MTS Robotic Weld Tool (RWT)
- 6-axis integrated weld system
- Capable of fixed pin / retractable pin / self reacting Friction Stir Welds
- Combined axis of motion allows for complex curvature welding
- Control system provides coordinated motion for all 7 axes of the UWS3One of the largest, most advanced FSW machines in the world
- Floor level turntables



## Capacity

- 2 axis of gimbal motion of the weld head; pitch:  $+5^{\circ}$  to  $-95^{\circ}$ , roll:  $\pm 15^{\circ}$
- Three 20 ft. annular ring rotary tables, each with one rotational degree of freedom
- 20 ft. outer diameter, 15 ft. inner diameter annular turntables with unlimited rotary motion and locking capability
- Two columns, each with an independently operated weld head
- 7 degrees-of-freedom (DOF) delivered through 5 physical axes

X-axis	Y-axis	Z-axis
93 ft. Each weld machine	22 ft. 5 in. Each weld machine	12 ft. Each weld machine
Note: UWS3 has 2 weld machines that share a common X-rail. Each weld head can access any of the 3 turntables.		